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CARNIVAL MAN BADLY CUT

Row Sunday in Carnival Car Results in Cutting Affray.—Injured Man Gets 20 Stitches

A difficulty took place in one of the carnival cars on side track near the Southern Pacific water tank about one o'clock last Sunday afternoon in which G. A. Holmes, one of the carnival men, was severely cut. He was cut from near the throat almost to the waist, and another long cut in his arm. Holding his wounds, the man walked from the car to Dr. Fitzgerald's sanitarium, leaving a trail of blood behind. Sixteen stitches were made by Dr. Fitzgerald in sewing up the wound in the breast, and four stitches in the arm. Grady Hodges, another of the carnival men, was arrested and lodged in the calaboose. The wounded man claimed not to know who cut him, and the man arrested claimed he was not guilty. All the other carnival people present when the difficulty took place in the car, claimed not to know who did the cutting. There not being sufficient evidence to hold the man on this offense, a charge of drunkenness was sworn out against him, to which he pleaded guilty, paid a fine of \$18.00 and was released from the calaboose Monday afternoon.

NOT A CANDIDATE

When here last week from his home in Adams County, Commissioner W. J. Wright stated it was very likely that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself to that office at the coming election. Mr. Wright has made a fine commissioner since he has been in office, and his friends here will exert themselves to have him become a candidate for the office again.

NEAR FATAL ACCIDENT AT STATION SUNDAY

An accident that came near being serious happened at the Southern Pacific depot last Sunday evening as No. 9 was pulling into the station from the east. In walking in a crowd between the depot and track, Mrs. Chas. Marzek of Garwood was struck by the engine and knocked down, but fortunately fell to the side of the track and was uninjured. She was quite badly shocked and frightened, though otherwise uninjured, and boarded the train for a visit to Schulenburg. It was indeed a close call.

MAYOR PUTNEY NOT A CANDIDATE AGAIN

We learn that Mayor P. P. Putney has decided not to be a candidate for re election to the office of mayor at the approaching April city election. In the event that he is not a candidate, friends of Mr. A. J. Wirtz are active in the interest of his candidacy for the office. Mr. Wirtz has not yet decided in the matter. He is a lawyer of ability and could he be elected to the office, make Eagle Lake a capable mayor.

Little Miss Gertrude and Master George Truitt of Palacios spent Thanksgiving here with the grandmother, Mrs. Mary Truitt, and uncles, Messrs. J. E. M. and Will Truitt.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN

Oliver Flowers' Barn Was Struck By Lightning in Electrical Storm Saturday Morning

During the heavy rain and electrical storm about eight o'clock last Saturday morning, lightning struck the large barn of Mr. O. J. Flowers on his ranch five miles north of town and tore the east end completely off. This end of the barn contained only a small amount of loose hay, which was blown out and the flames extinguished. The opposite end of the barn was filled with baled hay and other feed stuffs and had the lightning struck at that point the flames would have been difficult to put out. Some large splinters were driven entirely through inch boards and the heavy rafters were cut in places as smoothly almost as if they had been sawed.

COUNTY STILL SHORT IN COTTON PRODUCTION

The latest crop report on number of bales of cotton ginned was made public by the Department of Commerce on November 21st, giving total number of bales ginned in each county prior to November 14th. This report shows Colorado county has, up to that time, ginned 18,116, and at the same time last year had ginned 19,837, a decrease this year in number of bales of 1,721.

OFFICIALS DRAW BAN ON "PAULINE" SHOW

Mayor P. P. Putney and City Attorney Roos drew the ban on the "Pauline" show, the oriental dance, at the carnival, and closed that attraction. They went even further, and had the tent taken down. Their action in this matter met with the approval of the best people of the town. Our officials stand for everything that is for the best interests of the town, and as soon as the nature of this show was brought to their attention, they closed it up. The people of Eagle Lake honor them for it.

MOTORDROME IS BEST CARNIVAL ATTRACTION

The best attraction on the carnival grounds, without a doubt, is the motordrome, which is of the United Motordrome Company of Chicago and under the management of Mr. O. C. Noble. The price of admission to this attraction is 25 cents, and if you have never seen a like performance, it is worth the price asked. The rider, Orval Johnson, is only eighteen years old, and is a wonder. The track or wall on which he rides, lacks but eighteen degrees from being perpendicular. He rides this wall on a motor-cycle, going at a high rate of speed, without holding handle bars of the machine and changes many positions on the motor-cycle while in motion. His grape vine caper, going in a zigzag motion on the almost straight up and down wall, first at the bottom and then to the very edge of the top, is one of his most daring feats. It is an exciting and thrilling experience to witness this entertainment, and if you have not seen it you should do so before the carnival leaves. It is the really good attraction of the carnival.

NEGRO SHOT IN BOTH LEGS

Garfield Cook, Colored, Received Pistol Wounds in Both Legs Early Saturday Morning.

Garfield Cook, colored, who works for Mr. G. E. Boothe, was shot at an early hour last Saturday morning. The shooting took place near the old San Antonio & Aransas Pass section house at about half past five o'clock in the morning while Cook was coming from his home in the negro section to work. A twenty-two caliber automatic pistol was used. He received a bullet wound in both legs, above the knee. One bullet passed entirely through the leg, and the other bullet went almost through, having lodged just under the skin. It was still dark when the shooting took place, and Cook claims he does not know who fired the shots. He says another shot was fired when he ran, but missed him. Several hours after the shooting the officers arrested George Beakes, who claims to have no knowledge of the affair. He was placed under a \$500 bond to await an examining trial Thursday. The bond was promptly given with T. J. Balhorn, J. F. Beard and Tom Roberts as bondsmen.

On account of Cook not being able to appear in court yesterday, the case against George Beakes was continued until the next term of court.

BIRDS DAMAGING THE RICE FIELDS

Most of the rice planters have finished threshing and the few remaining unthreshed fields are getting a liberal supply of visits of black birds, which are doing no small amount of damage to that crop yet in the fields. Mr. W. S. Campbell, while in town last Saturday said that he estimated the number of birds in his field at that time to be fully ten million. Mr. Campbell says the birds are destroying a great deal of rice.

MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mr. E. L. Mooney retired from the Farmers Supply Company, where he has been manager since the organization of the company, on the first. He is succeeded by Mr. R. T. Westmoreland, a capable and experienced man. Mr. Mooney will devote his time to farming in the future. An effort is being made by Mr. Mooney's friends to induce him to become a candidate for mayor at the coming city election. Mr. Mooney has formerly served as alderman and mayor pro-tem, and is thoroughly qualified to fill the office should he be elected.

GETTING DRIFT AWAY FROM COUNTY BRIDGE

Mr. C. B. Crawford and a force of men were busy getting the drift away from the Eagle Lake-Altair county bridge across the Colorado river all day Saturday and Sunday. The river came within a few inches of being as high as it was in 1900. It took a great deal of work to break the drift that had collected at the bridge, but Mr. Crawford and the men under him were equal to the occasion, and after some hard work, succeeded in breaking the drift.

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